

# THE SHAKERITE

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## Cubs on Track, Train for Staff

The *Shakerite* launched its annual cub reporter program at an after-school meeting on Friday, November 6, in Room 100. Twenty-five sophomores and ten juniors are competing for positions on the staff.

Each cub is required to write one article a week for five weeks to test his ability as a reporter. *Shakerite* adviser Burton Randall and the editors grade each article on a ten point scale.

Acceptance to the staff depends on the cumulative article scores plus an individual interview grade.

## Johnson Jolts Barry Backers

Shakerites gave Democrats Lyndon B. Johnson and Hubert H. Humphrey a sweeping victory in the mock election held October 29 while the other Democrat candidates fell to Republicans Robert Taft, Oliver P. Bolton and William Minshall.

The totals were as follows:  
For President and Vice President of the United States—

Lyndon B. Johnson and Hubert H. Humphrey, 1138

Barry M. Goldwater and William E. Miller, 429.

For United States Senate—

Robert Taft Jr., 837.

Stephen M. Young, 802.

For Representative to Congress (At Large)—

Oliver P. Bolton, 773.

Robert E. Sweeney, 764.

For Representative to Congress (23rd District)—

William E. Minshall, 986.

Norbert G. Dennerll, Jr., 556.

Most registered voters voiced a choice for at least one candidate, and there were very few write-in votes.

## Committee Meets to Master Homeroom Meeting Misery

The Homeroom Evaluation Committee, made up of all homeroom presidents and led by Alan Kolod, met on November 2 and 3 after school in the Small Auditorium to discuss the effectiveness of the homeroom period.

In the two meetings, the group familiarized itself with parliamentary procedure, discussed homeroom problems such as talking and disinterest, and were given suggestions aimed at improving homeroom meetings.

"THE PURPOSE OF THIS," said Alan, "is to make students aware of their responsibility as members of the student body." It is an effort to improve school spirit and make the homeroom a more effective tool of student government.

Last year's presidents received evaluation sheets which asked for information concerning the length and efficiency of meetings and the amount of student participation. They also included suggestions and sought any proposals which a president cared to submit.

IN THE FUTURE the committee will be checking three or four homerooms each Monday morning and grading them.



"This is Mrs. Gibbs' garden, corn—peas—beans—hollyhocks—heliotrope and a lot of burdock," says Stage Manager Jim Erbe, creating an imaginary world on the propless stage of *Our Town*.

## Social Council Sports Dance; Athletes Run Away With Ball

The Fall Sports Dance will offer something for one and all tomorrow night from 8:30 to 11:30 in the Girl's Gym. The main attractions will be the crowning of the king and queen, a skit presented by the varsity athletes, and a five-piece band.

Boys in fall sports have already chosen the king and queen from homeroom nominations. The regal candidates are Chuck Bauernschmidt, Dan Biello, Bill Desberg, Rick Krumlauf and Webb Young, Jodie Bernon, Cookie Chesler, Marguerite Comella, Sue Pentek and Julie Suk.

JUDY RUBIN, THE CHAIRMAN of the Social Council Entertainment Committee, urges everyone to take advantage of the opportunity to see a humorous skit presented by the varsity athletes. Also included in the price of admission, \$1.50 per

couple with an activity ticket or \$2.00 without, will be refreshments and Ralph Lewitt's Band.

The crowning format will be changed for the second year in a row. Two years ago the Social Council president crowned the queen. But last year the president was a girl; as a result a king was elected.

## Desberg Scores Film Success

The football movies, which are now analyzed for the benefit of the students every Friday by Bill Desberg, play a very important part in helping the coaches evaluate the games and the players.

Noel Slagle takes the films, which are processed by the morning after the game. Then, every Sunday evening, the coaches go to the home of Nay Sanna and study the films for about five hours. The coaches slow down and examine each play and watch the performance of each player carefully. Monday, the films are discussed with the team.



A print of a print of "Hunters in the Snow" by Pieter Bruegel.

## Naked Stage Bares Audience To Stark Drama of Our Town

The drama department will raise the curtain on Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*, a most challenging acting enterprise to be undertaken by Shaker performers, on November 20 and 21 at 8:30 p.m.

*Our Town*, a modern inquiry into the complexities and brevity of human life, is suggested reading for juniors. This familiarity coupled with the play's general appeal prompted its selection.

A PLAY PRODUCED WITHOUT SCENERY and without props demands not only acting ability, but more importantly, openness on the part of the audience. Even though the absence of scenery and props causes a feeling of unreality, the audience should be able to grasp the intrinsic realism of the theme concerning birth, marriage and death.

Above all, the audience must be capable of overlooking the non-realistic set and projecting themselves into the atmosphere of the play. Associate Director Jack Slivka commented on the play: "The audience should come prepared not to laugh. It isn't that kind of play. It is the kind of play which makes each

observer look deeply into himself."

## Shaker Hosts Great Debate

Shaker High and Mayfield High hosted five other schools in the Greater Cleveland Speech League for a debate tournament on Saturday, October 31.

This was one of a series of practice tournaments preparing the teams for the annual state championship. Supervising this event were Mrs. Margaret Jones, debate club adviser, and Carl Einstein, president of Shaker's Debate Club.

THE TOPIC DEBATED was "Resolved: That nuclear weapons should be controlled by an international organization."

Divisions B and C debated at Shaker while Divisions A and D were at Mayfield High School. These divisions signify by their letters the caliber of the debaters in them.

## Area Council Problems Diagnosed at LEL Clinic

"An exciting interchange of ideas" was Tom Marshall's description of the L.E.L. Student Council Conference, held Thursday, November 5, at Heights High School. Mel Dunn, Linda Kane, and Dede Ordin, Shaker's other delegates to the meeting, were equally enthusiastic.

THE FOUR ARRIVED at Heights at 9:15 a.m. when they were greeted by the school President David Gardner, Vice President Bernie Arons, and Secretary Evie Lewis. The representatives from Heights, Shaker, Brush, Shaw, Parma, Valley Forge, Lakewood, and Euclid then discussed the distinctive qualities of their respective Student Councils.

Conferences were continued

in groups divided according to various offices, so that the presidents, vice presidents, secretaries, and treasurers could uncover the problems peculiar to their offices.

FOLLOWING WAS A lecture by Harold Peelle of the Governmental Research Bureau, who related the structure of student government to the make-up of local, state, and federal governments.

## Art Loans Encourage Cultural Appreciation

*Christina's World* will have a chance to be explored, the *Wild Horses* can be lamed, and the *Woman with Mandolin* can be applauded starting today, November 13, in the Ely Gallery.

These three paintings are among ten reprints of works of famous artists, ranging in time

from the 17th Century to the present, which are being exhibited in the main hall.

After these paintings have been displayed for two weeks, they will be placed in the high school library. It will then be possible for any student to take a picture home for two weeks allowing him to examine its artistic values with greater depth.

This idea of offering famous paintings for student examination originated with Principal John Stanavage. After discussing the idea with Daniel Hodermarsky of the Art Department, prints were sent for from the Elyria Arts Company. From the 300 prints received, Mr. Hodermarsky chose ten which he felt would offer the students the most artistic stimulation.



## Poor Planning Produces Club Carnival Collapse

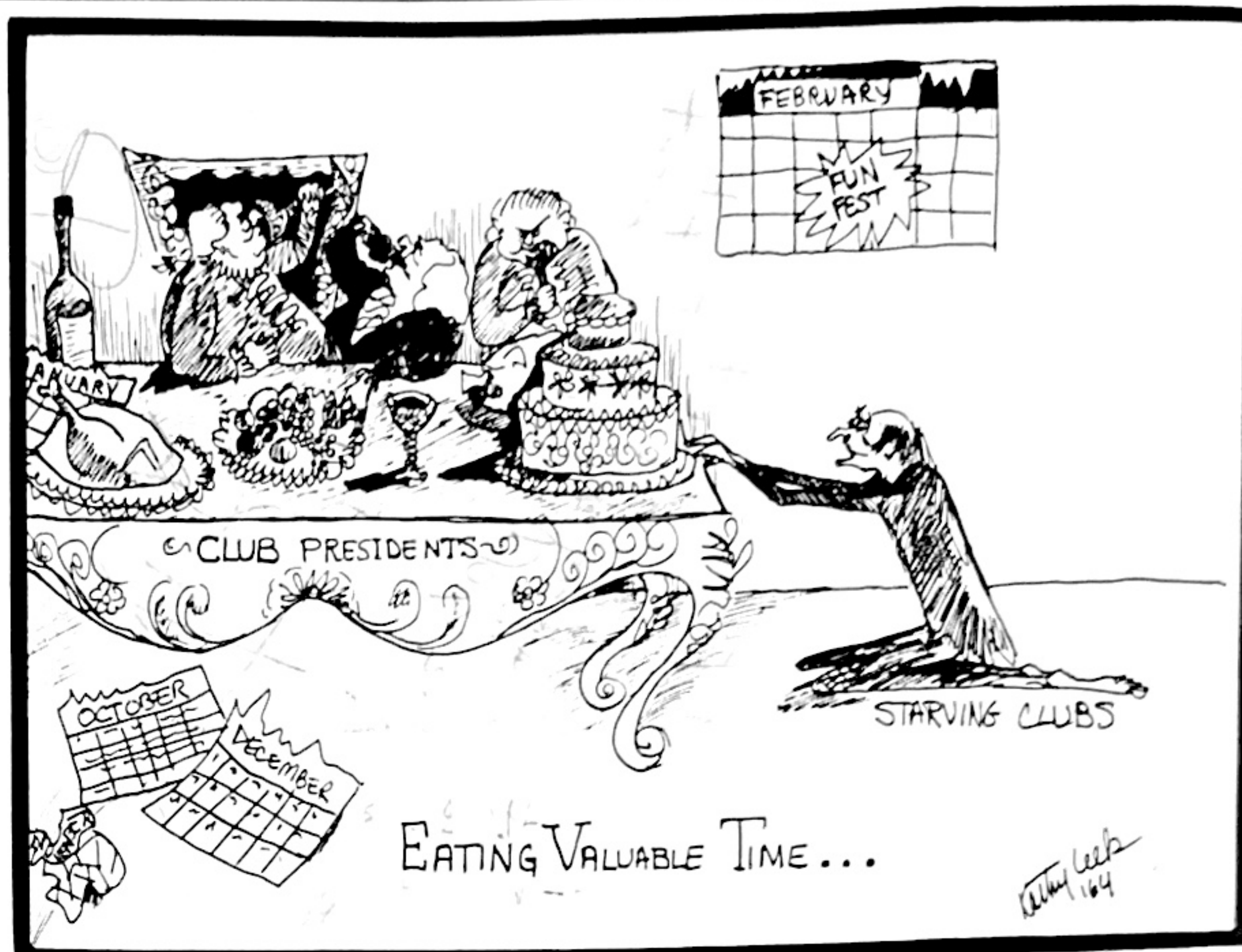
A Club Committee was established by the Student Council last year as a vehicle for the exchange of ideas between various club presidents and as a more formal and direct representation of the various clubs in student government.

**THE CLUB CARNIVAL** was the first major project of the Committee and was scheduled for November 7. Its purpose was to publicize and provide financial support for Shaker's fourteen clubs.

Communication was poor in the planning stages, and lack of adequate preparation forced cancellation of the carnival. It was later decided to reschedule the carnival as part of the February Fun Fest, but the prime calendar spot had been lost.

The Club Presidents showed little interest or initiative in furthering the organizational plans, and their procrastination and inaction resulted in near defeat. The opportunity to redeem the carnival has been presented. But the final success of the carnival will now also bear on the outcome of the entire Fun Fest.

The Club Committee has shown potential as a powerful and significant force in school activities. It must realize this potential by decisive and thorough action in the next weeks to insure a successful carnival.



## Fresh Philosophy Lacks Organization and Drive

The Assembly Committee this year has a new philosophy—assemblies are not worth having unless the school can attract interesting personalities who are worth hearing.

In contrast to past years, this year's committee has an expanded budget and is aiming not only for local people but also for the top people in entertainment, education, and politics such as members of the President's cabinet or Adlai Stevenson, United States Ambassador to the United Nations.

**THE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**, Fred Berger, has tried to get speakers by writing to them after he learned that they would be in Cleveland. This has failed because in each case the celebrity had already filled his schedule. Now Fred has decided to obtain speakers by asking them to come to Shaker during their next visit to Cleveland. This change is wise but late. The committee needs better organization and motivation.

## GC Program Diversified; Vocational Aids Added

Senior Group Conference has departed from the routine procedures of SAT applications and college discussion with a new approach to guidance and vocational counseling.

Six representatives from various careers have visited Shaker and addressed seniors, who meet once a week in the small auditorium.

**EXPERTS IN SOCIAL WORK**, education, and vocational opportunities in Ohio have spoken to the girls' GC classes, and boys have examined the fields of law, education, and military careers. Both girls' and boys' classes have been very enthusiastic about these vocational programs and have confronted the speakers with lively and intense questions.

This is a unique and very worthwhile venture in Group Conference. Not only do interested seniors gain insight into a prospective career, but all are attaining a broad general outlook on the main facets of the world of work.

### Capitol Capers

## Yankee Aid Foremost For Formosan Economy

By Chuck Silverman

The door of the airplane slid open and before my eyes spread the island of Formosa, home of the exiled Nationalist Chinese, led by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. Below me stood a welcoming party, the Generalissimo conspicuously in front.

"Welcome to our little island. I will personally show you around," said Chiang, conducting us to his 1965 T-Bird convertible. En route to his office in the Formosa Hilton, I remarked about the many plush homes and swimming pools.

"Oh, yes," said Chiang, "our life here is quite comfortable—certainly much better than back on the mainland. The fact is, although our land area and population are greatly diminished from pre-1949 totals, our American foreign aid level remains the same. Why, I wouldn't go back to the primitive mainland for all the tea in . . . for anything."

"That old army troop carrier over by the waterfront is loaded with American arms, ammunition, and what-have-you bound for China. In return they'll send us tea, opium, wonton soup, and

fortune cookies. By thus stripping Red China of its only natural resources, we feel we can destroy the Red Chinese economy."

"But what about your plans to invade Red China?" I asked, noticing a well-disciplined squad of soldiers troop by. "Aren't you letting your prosperity interfere with your right to reclaim your native land?"

"Look again," grinned the Generalissimo. "Those are your American advisers marching past. We are happy and prosperous here in Formosa. This is a peace-loving island."

### President Speaks

## Council Needs Student Ideas!

By Mel Dunn

In the course of a day by necessity we all come into contact with school policies and school activities with which our Student Council is intimately involved. Through the years this same council has played a major role in enriching and improving Shaker's student life.

**IT STANDS TO REASON** then that we have the faculty to help effect necessary changes and greater development at Shaker. The instrument by which we can do this is the Student Council.

While this year is still young, let's start to exercise our voice over what goes on at Shaker. Give us your thoughts and ideas for a finer school.

We want to know from you how we can better enrich this high school experience.

### Student Forum

## Cheating---Why?

**Tim Bannon (12):** The competition for college admissions and the constant comparison by members of a class of their chances for admission is the main cause of cheating at Shaker.

**Rhonda Kelly (10):** The various pressures that today's students endure from both teachers and parents might be a main reason for cheating. We are subjected to the idea that without good grades we will never be successful in life. This discourages honest efforts to improve grades but encourages cheating.

**Don Snyder (11):** The cheating, I believe, is due to the over emphasis by both parents and teachers, and perhaps fellow students, of grades.

**Jim Halle (11):** Many students are initially lazy and do not do their work on time. When time begins to run out, doing well suddenly becomes important, and they press the panic button. Thus, they have little alternative but to cheat or fail. The final result depends on the moral fiber of the individual.

**Peggy Paries (10):** I do not think it is pressure that makes people cheat. Dishonesty is always present in any school situation—its presence is not the direct result of any educational system.

## Cheerleaders Spark Spirit

What is it like to be a cheerleader?

"It's a wonderful feeling!" claim Jody Bernon and Julie Suk, co-captains of Shaker's cheerleading squad. "It's satisfying to know that we're doing something for the team."

**ALL THE CHEERLEADERS** agree that the Shaker Peppers are a contributing factor to school enthusiasm. "The spirit is so much better than it was last year," says Betsey Stein. Debby Curtis comments, "The only disheartening aspect is when people boo or leave before the game is over."

Betsey Slobody summarizes, "Cheerleading is our chance to represent Shaker."

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## Electronical Seer Is Instrumental

By John Reitz

"I will probably make electronic engineering my life's work," asserted senior Larry Sears, who already has a head start in fulfilling this prediction.

Larry, who worked last summer for the Micro-Metric Instrument Company, was asked last August by the owner to design an electronic counter, to be used with microburets manufactured by the company and used in hospitals and laboratories to measure amounts of medicine with extreme accuracy.

**THIS NEW COUNTER** enables the laboratory technician to adjust the microburet more easily than was formerly possible. By designing a totally new circuit, Larry has cut both the size and the cost of the counter tremendously.

Physics is Larry's favorite subject but he does not spend all his time studying or working in electronics. He plays the French horn and is the vice-president of the Band.

**HE IS ALSO VICE-PRESIDENT** of the Amature Radio Club and a member of the Youth Council on Human Relations.



Electricity waves to Larry Sears as he demonstrates his ability to use scientific instruments by examining an oscilloscope.

## Pool Hosts Handicapped In Aquatic Instruction

By Laurie Katz

Who is an influential ally in a child's battle against physical abnormality? Who encourages and inspires him to surpass this "barrier of the flesh" and lead a normal, constructive life? Mrs. Rose Cuckan, Red Cross Water Safety Instructor and head of Cleveland's east-side-volunteer-swimming program for handicapped children, is one such person.

She and her specially-trained staff of ten Water Safety Instructors, aided by transportation and locker-room volunteers under the joint leadership of Warren Crumbine and Mrs. Betty Carstenson, devote an hour of their time every Saturday morning to this Kiwanis-sponsored program held in the Shaker High School pool.

**THE SIXTEEN-WEEK** project, offered in two eight-week sessions in the spring and fall, involves children from the ages of five through twenty with handicaps ranging from polio and cerebral palsy to blindness and mental retardation.

When asked about the goals of such a program, Mrs. Suckan replied, "I feel these sessions have two major objectives: first to overcome the physically-handicapped child's quite natural fear of water, and secondly to prepare him for a possible aquatic-survival situation."

**CONCERNING** material results of the program, Mrs. Cuckan later remarked that parents always noticed improvement.



Margaret Jones

self measurement can lead truly to the freedom of the mind to which we frequently give only lip service and can help us make our program of learning a continuing one that will result in true education.

Each of us has a choice. Will our contact with formal learning provide us with schooling or with the basis for education?

### Faculty Spotlight

## Jones Expostulates On Education Evils

By Mrs. Margaret Jones

In the field of education these are times of imagination, derring-do, and increasing financial commitment. It behooves us here at Shaker to harness this creative impulse to effective purpose.

Expenditure of teacher and student effort and of taxpayers' funds provides opportunity for schooling but does not guarantee that the results will be education.

Education is a peculiarly individual matter which involves personal willingness to dedicate oneself intelligently and consciously to a standard of continuing excellence. If we are to be educated persons, we must realize there must never be an end to purposeful learning during our lifetimes.

Each of us must adopt as a guide an individual ideal of achievement and labor to channel our abilities into a deepening stream. Better soon than late must come at least a partial divorce from dependence on the opinion of others regarding our own achievements.

Satisfying those in authority is not the only or necessarily the best criterion of intellectual efficiency. The free citizen must ask also whether he has satisfied himself.

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## Guest From Chile Receives Far From Chilly Welcoming

By Kris Nygaard

Susan Feick, our visitor from Chile, is deepening her experience in the United States by attending classes here, although she graduated from high school last spring in Chile.

**SUSAN IS STAYING** with the Charles Horsburghs. She has three "sisters," Sis, Martha, and Emm. Sis is a sophomore at Shaker. Susan is a guest student in French, English, chemistry, and American problems classes.

She likes the bustling but friendly atmosphere of Shaker. Susan especially enjoys the cheering crowds and marching bands at the football games. She observed, "There is more enthusiasm and participation in sports here than in Chile."

**VINA DEL MAR**, a seaside resort town famous for its beautiful beach, is Susan's home town. Her native tongue is Spanish.

Earlier this year Susan and her mother spent six weeks travelling in Germany and Italy. She also sampled the schooling in Germany. New York was the next stop.

After an eventful week Susan flew on alone to Cleveland. She arrived in town October 9, and plans to depart for Vina del Mar soon after Thanksgiving vacation. Back home in Chile she wants to be a secretary.

## Contest Bowl Strikes Again

The High School Bowl, begun last year, will be held again during the second semester of the 1964-65 school year. It will be introduced by an assembly, after which teams of four members will register to participate.

This High School Bowl will be run in the same manner as last year, with the same or similar rules. The contest is patterned after the college bowl program on television sponsored by the General Electric Company.

The questions for Shaker's Bowl will be written by a committee co-captained by Annellen Minkin and Linda Kane and will be approved by adviser Robert Hanson. The emphasis of these questions is on general knowledge ranging from music to sports; specific classroom subjects are not stressed.

The game of two ten-minute halves is built around three-part bonuses and one-part toss-up questions.

## Teachers Hold Annual Fling; NEOTA Revels Big Success

Shakerites slept for the first time in weeks on Friday morning, October 30, while bleary-eyed teachers marched downtown to the annual meeting of the N.E.O.T.A.

On the agenda was the famous I. M. Illiterate speaking on "Inghish for the Common Man." Also stated were "How to Get More From Your Students" by Keekum Harter, "College or Else" by S. H. Hyde, and "The Benefits of College Board Tests" by Arthur Enny.

**IN THE AFTERNOON**, various seminars were held for the different subject areas. The math teachers discussed the

timely topic of "Integrating Your Functions."

Special instruction was also offered in "The Latest Chinese Water Tortures" and "Safer Techniques for using TNT and Other Explosives in Classroom Demonstrations."

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## Anchorman

by Alan Geisner

Once upon a time, in the tiny kingdom of Utopia there lived a good monarch, King Sannanay. For as long as anyone could remember, the little kingdom had been renowned for its sagacious wisemen, its skilled craftsmen, and its illustrious teachers. The only thing the little kingdom seemed to lack was an army. Consequently, for as long as anyone could remember, Utopia had been conquered by one enemy after another.

Tired of defeat (the army had not won a battle for more than a year), the Utopians clamored for a change. King Sannanay called on his advisers for a solution. Finally, Count Freinlen hit upon the plan. "The secret to success," he shouted, "is defense, defense, defense! With a strong defense the offense will take care of itself!"

Lo and behold, the trick worked like a charm . . . for a while. Defense minister Zedius Zipnik revamped the military into two divisions. So, with its scrappy defensive squadron wearing special red plumes, Utopia waited patiently for attack.

Success was a pleasant new sensation for the little kingdom. The defenses managed to hold down the rebellious Patriots from Forge Valley and the ferocious Tigers from Heights Meadow.

Soon, however, a black cloud descended upon Utopia. The army did manage to settle for a truce with the Cardinals of Shawland, but then lost crucial crusades to the Rangers of Wood Lake and the Panthers of Euclidtown.

Utopians came back to reality. The army ended its warring season, and Utopia bowed with its neighbors in submission to Euclidtown.

"What went wrong?" moaned the King. His seer, Duke Ray Almond, had the answer (and the moral for this tale): "Your Excellency, some you win, some you lose, and some get rained out. But you can win a lot more if the offense can take over where the defense has left off."

## Parma Outcours Harriers; Brushmen Gain Fuller Finish

Without the services of injured Captain Chris Matey, the cross country harriers bowed to Parma, 24-33, on October 28, and to Brush, 21-36, on November 4.

Against the Redmen, Bruce Holmes, Mike Modlin, Joe Kiethley and Alan Smith each posted times under eleven minutes, noteworthy accomplishments for the rugged Forest Hills course.

AT THE DISTRICT meet on October 29, Holmes, Smith, and Modlin finished in the top twenty slots and received medals for their efforts. Matey ran in this meet, but was hampered by his leg injury. The Raiders still managed to place fourth of fourteen schools.

Matey hoped to be in good con-

dition for the L.E.L. championships on November 11.

With the Parma and Brush setbacks, the thinclads sport a 2-5 league record. Although Matey has been unable to run, Holmes, Naftulin, Smith, Modlin, and Kiethley have shown considerable promise.

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# Euclid Bisects Shaker Angle

by Drue King

The Shaker Raiders untied the knot in the tangled L.E.L. gridiron derby when, for the first time during this unpredictable season, they did what they were expected to do, by falling at the hands of heavily-favored Euclid, 14-12, on Saturday, October 30.



Halfback Dan Biello finds a Euclid hole and a Shaker touchdown.

On the previous Saturday, the Raiders were caught resting on their laurels, when Lakewood reversed the situation for upset-minded Shaker with a 14-0 drubbing, as they outweighed and outmuscled the home team.

The back-to-back losses dropped the gridders out of a tie for the league lead and left them in sole possession of fifth place. The team boasted a 2-2-1 record in league play when they faced Parma, the league doormat, last Saturday.

IN THE CLIFF-HANGER with the Panthers, messenger halfback Dan Biello scored both of the Raiders' first-half touchdowns to lead their occasionally high-powered attack. Midway through the first period Shaker launched its first scoring drive, going 85 yards in 15 plays.

### Biello Tallies

With Coach Nay Sanna dividing the running chores among halfbacks Biello, Rick Krumlauf and Bob Hanna, the offense marched all the way to the Euclid seven. After two plays, Biello found daylight and headed straight for the flag on a 10-yard effort.

Euclid struck back quickly after returning the kickoff to the Shaker 45. Panther quarterback Rick Subel set up the score, picking his way for thirty yards after executing a bootleg that fooled the Red Raider defense. The visitors hit quickly again, going 75 yards in only six plays and capping the drive with the two-point conversion which gave them the winning margin.

WITH ONLY 4:26 LEFT in the half, the hustling Sannamen went to the air, and Young connected on five of six passes for big yardage. Biello plunged to paydirt once again from the six, but they had to accept a 14-12 deficit at the final whistle.

## Flippers, Zippers Prime For Busy Winter Season

As the Red Raider football season fades into the yearbook, wrestling and swimming step forward as two major Shaker winter sports. Along with basketball, these L.E.L. activities comprise the winter athletic calendar.

The wrestling team, coached by Ed Zednik, has six lettermen returning to try to capture the championship which barely escaped them last year. The grapplers finished second in 1963-64, and crowned their season with a ten-year-awaited win over Euclid. Co-captain Don Loveman, Shelly Pollock, Jerry Peterson, Phil Wolkin, Ron Ratner, Don Black, and Stu Sulzer will form the nucleus of this year's team.

AFTER COMING in third last season, the swimming team, under Paul Stark, will try to regain first place this year. Headed by state champion in the 100-yard breaststroke Rennie Crane, Bob Haas, Fred Arsham, Bob Power, Webb Young, Dave Crane and Tom Marshall spearhead the hopes for this year's mermen. However, the mermen must contend with Heights and Lakewood if they are to climb to a first-place finish in 1964-65.

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